

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO

TO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR PRIORITY

INFO US TREASURY, WASHDC

US CUSTOMS HEADQUARTERS

SECSTATE WASHDC 2430

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CUSTOMS FOR FIB/OI

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OTRA/MX

SUBJECT: VISIT OF CUSTOMS OFFICERS

REF: (A) MEXICO 183; (B) SAN SALVADOR 135

1. PROPOSED VISIT OF CUSTOMS OFFICERS MENTIONED IN REFTELS WOULD ENCOMPASS THE FOLLOWING:

2. ON JAN. 8, 1975, A MEXICAN NATIONAL, ENTERED THE US AT SAN YSIDRO, CALIF., FAILING TO DECLARE A .30 CALIBER PLAINFIELD CARBINE RIFLE, SERIAL NO. 8140, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE TRUNK OF HIS VEHICLE.

3. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION BY US CUSTOMS SERVICE REVEALED THAT THE ABOVE RIFLE WAS ONE OF THREE HUNDRED RIFLES PURCHASED BY CENTURY ARMS IN THE US FOR THE MINISTERIO DE DEFENSA, SAN SALVADOR, ON JUNE 17, 1968. THE RIFLES WERE SHIPPED FROM MIAMI ON THE VESSEL MACRIBE NO. 342, VOYAGE NO. 22, DATE OF DEPARTURE UNKNOWN.

4. THE CUSTOMS ATTACHE, MEXICO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF EMBASSY HAS ANY RECORD OR INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS TRANSACTION, AND/OR WILL EMBASSY CONTACT MINISTERIO DE DEFENSA TO DETERMINE IF THEY

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RECEIVED THE ABOVE MENTIONED SHIPMENT.

5. THIS WILL ASSIST CUSTOMS ATTACHE, MEXICO IN DETERMINING IF THE  
WEAPONS WERE LEGALLY EXPORTED FROM US.

6. EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED  
AND WOULD CANCEL PROPOSED VISIT MENTIONED IN REFTELS.

7. DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT.  
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